

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION BULLETIN # 9

TRAUMA PHYSICIAN ROSTER UPDATES

Updates to the MHCC's trauma physician roster required on a semi-annual basis.

Trauma coordinators should submit trauma physician additions or terminations at the trauma center by June 30th for Period 1 and December 31st for Period 2. Trauma physicians must be on MHCC's physician roster to receive payment from the Fund. Trauma centers that fall behind in updating

the MHCC physician roster risk delays in processing uncompensated care applications of their trauma physicians. The *Trauma Physician Roster Update* form is available at the MHCC Web site and can be returned electronically to MHCC.

ILLUSTRATION

Dr. Smith is a trauma surgeon who began treating patients at a Level II trauma center. Dr. Smith treated multiple uncompensated care patients in the trauma center and plans to submit an application to the Fund.

Prior to Dr. Smith coming on board with the trauma center, the trauma coordinator downloaded the *Trauma Physician Roster Update* form from the MHCC Web site, updated it with Dr. Smith's information and electronically submitted it to MHCC. MHCC added Dr. Smith to their list of eligible trauma physicians.

Current News

- ◆ MHCC scheduled three statewide trauma physician education sessions. The purpose of these meetings is to update participants on changes in the application process, review Medical Assistance billing, and answer questions regarding the January 2005 submission. The sessions are scheduled for:
 - November 15th at Prince George's Hospital Center
 - November 17th at Robinwood Medical Center
 - January 5th at Peninsula Regional Medical Center
- ◆ The deadline for submitting the next Uncompensated Care and On-Call Applications is January 31, 2005. MHCC encourages trauma physicians and trauma centers to submit their applications electronically. Applications are available at the MHCC's Web site, www.mhcc.state.md.us/trauma_fund/_trauma.htm.